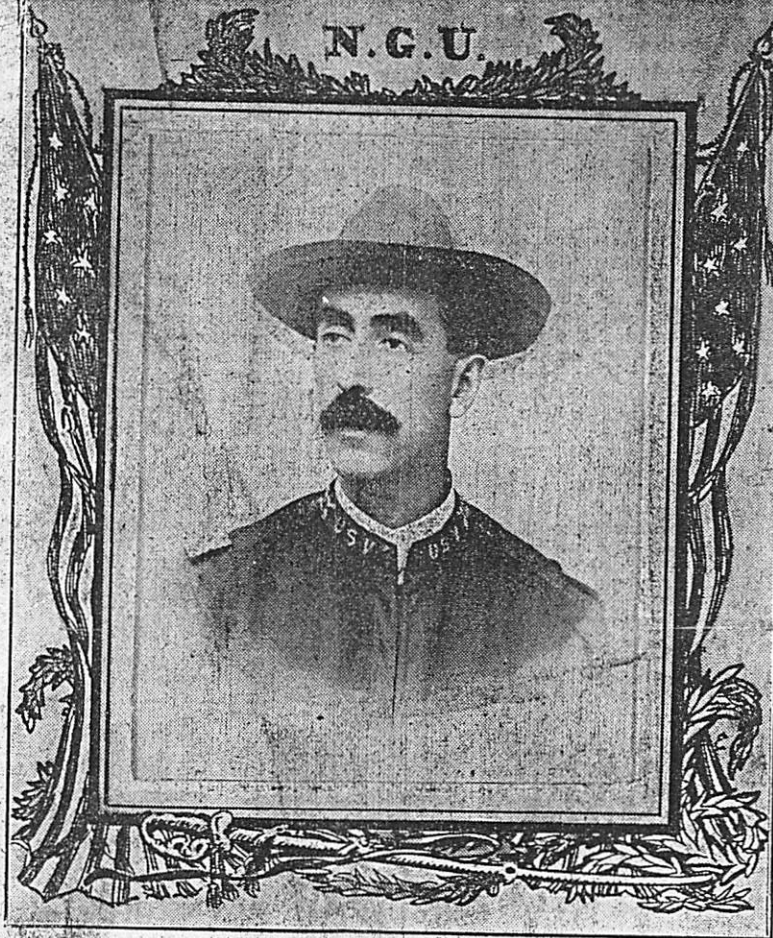


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BRIGADIER GENERAL E. A. WEDGWOOD

Who Seems to be the Man the National Guard Has Been Looking for To Put It Into Permanent Good Form.

General Wedgwood is now adjutant general of the guard, in which capacity he is personal representative of Gov. Cutler, commander-in-chief of the state's military forces. With a rapid decrease in the possibility for the need of state troops to quell domestic troubles, the probability of calls to national emergency increases, and in the national guard the nation now hopes maintain a supplementary first reserve instead of building up a great standing army, such as have infested European nations until the strength of many of them are gone.

For that reason the guard is now an organization in which the nation takes as much interest as the state, and consequently the duties of an adjutant general are much larger than they formerly were.

The advent of E. A. Wedgwood into the guard as its commander-in-chief has been followed by steady improvement in spirit and discipline, and for the first time in many years the organization is without serious friction.

Gen. Wedgwood has had an interesting career in the military service. Away back in 1895 it was Captain Wedgwood of company M., stationed at Provo. When the Philippine call came for the Utah batteries he joined his brother officers of the guard at a

lieutenant of Battery B. At San Francisco he was ordered back to Utah to recruit the batteries to full war strength, while the main command went on to the islands. With his recruits he arrived in Manila in the fall of 1898 and was promoted to be captain of Battery A during the Philippine insurrection. His first big fight in this insurrection was on the night of Feb. 4, when he commanded a Utah detachment on the center of the American lines and was kept busy all night repelling attack after attack, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania and Colorado Infantry. Later he commanded the artillery stationed at the Manila waterworks, one of the most sought after vantage points in the early days of fighting. On returning to Utah he resumed the practise of law, and took an active interest in securing headstones for the Utah soldiers killed in the islands. When the old soldiers organized the local camp of the Society of Spanish War veterans they named it after Captain Wedgwood in recognition of his personal interest in the men and his regard for their personal welfare. His coming into the guard was followed by the return of Brig. Genl. Sam C. Park, and Capt. Webb, both of whom had been prominent in its early history.

a humorist that he will be remembered, though one's thoughts go first of all at the mention of his name to the "Jumping Frog" and his immortal tussle with the German language and the duel in the "Tramp Abroad." I believe an even higher claim may be made out for him as a delineator, a very Homer of boyhood, and as a weaver ofrical romances of an extraordinar-

ily high imaginative delicacy. "Papa," said his 14-year-old daughter, "can make exceedingly bright jokes, and he enjoys funny things, and when he is with people he jokes and laughs a great deal, but still he is more interested in earnest books and earnest subjects to talk upon than in humorous ones. . . . He is as much of a philosopher as anything, I think. I am

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